

VISAS

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and GREECE**

Effected by Exchange of Notes
Dated at Athens December 28, 1999 and
January 24, 2000



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . . the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

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Dated at Athens December 28, 1999
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Entered into force January 24, 2000.*

**EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

No. 434/CONS/99

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic and has the honor to refer to the Hellenic Republic's long-standing policy of allowing Americans who enter Greece without visas to remain in the Hellenic Republic for 90 days. The Embassy has the further honor to propose that this policy be formalized in an agreement between the United States of America and the Hellenic Republic in which the Hellenic Republic agrees to allow United States citizens who enter the Hellenic Republic without visas to remain in the Hellenic Republic for 90 days, regardless of time spent elsewhere, for so long as the Hellenic Republic remains a participant in the United States Visa Waiver Pilot Program and citizens of the Hellenic Republic travelling to the United States are accorded reciprocal privileges.

The United States will consider this agreement by the Hellenic Republic in deciding whether to admit the Hellenic Republic to the Visa Waiver Pilot Program. In the event that circumstances arise affecting either party's legal capacity to implement this agreement, the parties shall consult to resolve the issue consistent with the purposes of this agreement.

If the Government of the Hellenic Republic agrees with the above, the Embassy has the honor to propose that this note and your Ministry's note in reply, constitute an agreement between our two Governments which will enter into force on the date of your reply.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the ministry of foreign affairs of the Hellenic republic the assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

Athens, December 28, 1999





HELLENIC REPUBLIC
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Justice, Home Affairs &
Schengen
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NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the latter's Verbal Note No 434/CONS/99 dated December 28, 1999, which reads as follows :

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would like to communicate to the esteemed Embassy that it fully agrees with the contents of the aforementioned Note.

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Athens, 24 January 2000

To : Embassy of the
United States of America
In town